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§10:121C-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Adoption registry services" means services to an adult adoptee to find a member of his or her birth family; services to an adoptive parent of a minor adoptee to assist him or her in securing medical information or in dealing with identity issues related to adoption; or services to a birth family member who has a desire or need for knowledge of or contact with a child who was placed for adoption.

"Adoptive applicant" means a person who has applied to the Division to adopt a child.

"Adoptive parent" means a person with whom a child has been placed by the Division for adoption or who has adopted a child.

"Adoptive placement" means the placement of a child in an adoptive home by the Division for the purpose of adoption. For foster home adoptions, the adoptive placement begins on the date the Division consent for adoption is signed by the local office manager. For a selected adoptive home placement, the adoptive placement begins on the date the child is placed in the home.

"Adult adoptee" means an individual 18 years of age or older whose adoptive placement was made by the Division or its predecessor agencies, that is, the Bureau of Children's Services, the State Board of Child Welfare or the State Board of Children's Guardians.

"Birth family member" means a person, or a relative of a person, whose child was placed for adoption through the Division or its predecessor agencies.

"Child" means any person under 18 years of age.

"Child-specific recruitment" means seeking a select adoptive parent for a particular child.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

"Division" means the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in the Department of Children and Families.

"Finalization" means the entry of a legal order of adoption issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:3-38 et seq.

"General recruitment" means attending community events or distributing literature to raise community awareness of the general needs for adoptive parents or resource families willing to parent a child with special needs.

"Home study" means the Division's formal assessment of the capacity and readiness of prospective adoptive parents to adopt a child, including the Division's